

Assignment TV

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One of the mysteries in the series-happy land of television has been the status of the Carol Channing pilot. It was made almost a year ago and is reported to be one of the funniest yet. This is said of all pilots, of course, but this time it was said by everybody. However, it did not appear on the schedule for next season.

Now it is reliably reported that Miss Channing gave up the project temporarily when she thought — as did everybody else on earth — that she would play the title role in the movie version of "Hello, Dolly!" When it went to Barbara Streisand — which is like selecting Molly Berg to play Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady" — the new TV season was already booked solid.

THIS SCOTCHED the rumor that sponsors shied away from Miss Channing because of any link with the amusing Nielsen Ratings fix two years ago. Presumably the sponsor — General Foods — was eager for the series to materialize and still is. The pilot film may yet be seen as a Channing "special" in the future.

The program was devised as a part of the Renaissance — if not the Reformation — of fiery Desi Arnaz, the former husband of Lucille Ball who rose from Cuban band leader to Hollywood TV tycoon within two sweet years after the overnight success of "I Love Lucy," television's most famous show.

Although Miss Ball has always come on like a small home-made tornado, it was Arnaz who became the driving force behind their TV debut, with her encouragement. Since he checked out of their marriage as well as the corporate complexities of running Desilu Studios, he has been raising horses.

THE CHANNING show was one of three projects that represent his return to TV. One was a pilot for a series to be set in Lower California called "Land's End," which was aptly titled and appears to have dropped out of sight some where in the gulf south of La Paz. But with the Channing deal flubbed and the Mexican series a dud, it appears that Arnaz has a winner this fall with his third venture, "The Mothers-in-Law."

From what I have been able to see and hear about this NBC series it will be the best of the new season's comedies. The ingredients for success are all there. It is written by the two best comedy writers in television, Madelyn Davis and Bob Carroll Jr., who wrote "I Love Lucy." It has two of the most skillful comedienne in show business, Kaye Ballard and Eve Arden. It is scheduled Sunday night on NBC directly following Walt Disney and before "Bonanza." And it has Arnaz as its director.

ARNAZ IS HOT tempered

'Beauty In' Scheduled At May Co.

May Co. California will present a Bonne Bell "Beauty In" next Monday at seven of the chain's outlets, including May Co. South Bay. The event will be staged in the Co-ed Campus department.

The May Co. Teen Board will conduct the demonstration, which is free. Members of the Teen Board were trained for the make-up demonstration by Miss Marilyn Kent, Bonne Bell representative.

All recipients of the consultation will receive a free beauty booklet.

In Hospital

Jennifer Yeager, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yeager of 821 Felbar Ave., has been admitted as a patient at Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

AIRPORT MEETING

Members of the city's Airport Commission will meet at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon in the airport manager's office, 3115 Airport Drive, John Blaisdell, chairman, has announced.

Fansteel to Headquarter In New Financial Center

New headquarters for the Advanced Structures Division of Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. will be located at Del Amo Financial Center, it was announced today by Warren B. Hayes, president. The division will occupy 8,000 square feet on the ninth floor of the Union Bank Tower starting about Sept. 15.

The move is to consolidate the management and control of the division's west coast operations, Hayes said. The Advanced Structures Division, which was formed in 1964 with the acquisition of BMW Manufacturing Co. of Torrance, now has 10 plants in Southern California.

FANSTEEL'S Chemical and Nuclear Equipment Division moved to Torrance in 1965. That some year the company acquired Airtek Dynamics of Compton, fabricators of pressure vessels and airframe structures. In 1966, Fansteel's Powder Metals production and engineering groups were centralized in Harbor City. Advanced Casting Corp. of Santa Monica and its subsidiary, McClelland Enterprises, Inc., were acquired in May of this year. In June, Reflective Laminates, Inc. of North Hollywood became a unit of the Advanced Structures Division, which was followed in July by the acquisition of

San Fernando Laboratories of Pacoima.

Fansteel, a 60-year-old producer and fabricator of special materials, had sales of \$53,743,550 and net income of \$2,481,815 in 1966. Hayes recently predicted that 1967 sales would exceed \$75,000,000 with "significantly improved earnings." The company is listed in the New York Stock Exchange.

THE FIRST PHASE of Del Amo Financial Center consists of the 13-story Union Bank Tower, a five-story "ring" building, four circular pavilion buildings, a three-level parking garage, landscaped areas and blue lagoons. Approximately one third of the center is being built at this time. When fully developed, the center will represent an investment of \$30 million.

On June 30, Western Federal Savings became the first tenant to open for business at the center. Union Bank, to occupy the first three floors of the tower, will open Aug. 21. United California Bank, Bateman Eichler-Hill Richards, Inc., and several other tenants will open in September. Grand opening of the financial center will be celebrated the latter part of September.

Demand for Breathmobile Exceeds Capacity of Unit

Demand for testing adults for respiratory disturbances has far exceeded the Breathmobile's capacity, according to Tuberculosis and Health Association President Arthur Weiss.

The \$125,000 unit was first opened on the grounds of Harbor General Hospital in June and was able to test 150 to 180 persons a day. Even in its initial operation, the mobile unit was used to

capacity, with some persons being turned away.

Currently, the unit is in the Santa Monica area but plans are for its movement to the San Gabriel Valley locations to follow.

To handle the demand, the Association plans to use three more Breathmobile units to serve the county. Funds for the equipment and personnel costs come from Christmas Seal contributions.



WHALE OF AN AWARD . . . Or, an award for a whale! Pat Dreizler, a Redondo Beach resident and public relations chairman for the Southwestern Branch of the Los Angeles County Heart Association, presents an award to Swittie, a false killer whale, at Marineland. Swittie was one of many Marineland denizens who gave their "hearts and fins" to the Heart cause last February.

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